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- 1. MUGABE HAS NOW FLOWN THE COOP WITHOUT MY BEING ABLE TO BRIEF HIM AS PER REF A. SENIOR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL JUST INFORMED ME THAT MUGABE, WHO IS MARRIED TO A GHANAIAN WOMAN, SPENT THE NIGHT OF MAY 4 AND ALL DAY MAY 5 VISITING HIS IN-LAWS NEAR TAKORADI IN WESTERN REGION. HE RETURNED TO ACCRA ONLY LATE LAST NIGHT (MAY 5), JUST IN TIME TO CATCH FLIGHT TO ROME.
- 2. REV. SITHOLE ARRIVED LAST NIGHT AND I AM SEEING HIM AT 1500 LOCAL TIME TODAY. BISHOP MUZOREWA HAS NOT YET ARRIVED BUT HIS AIDES EXPECT HIM "AT ANY TIME."
- 3. COMMENT: REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL FOUR LEADERS ARE STILL IN ACCRA AND ACTIVELY TALKING (SEPARATELY) TO APPIAH. DESPITE DEPARTURES OF NKOMO AND MUGABE, CONFIDENTIAL

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THEREFORE, THE GHANAIANS REMAIN HOPEFUL THAT THEY MAY YET MAKE SOME PROGRESS TOWARDS UNITY AMONG THEM. WE ARE LESS SANGUINE, BUT MAY GET A BETTER FEEL AFTER I SEE SITHOLE.
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